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N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

B. Chen et al.

Serial No.:

08/704,445

Filing Date:

August 26, 1996

For:

METHOD OF PREVENTING

**DEPLETION OF NON-AUTOLOGOUS** 

HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND

ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEMS FOR USE

THEREOF

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to

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E:117 extend the time 4350 (358 pponse to the Office action dated September 30, 1997. This extension will extend the time the response is due from December 30, 1997 to March 30, 1998.

- X A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$950.00.
- A [second/third] month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$.

□ A [one/two] month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on .
 □ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .
 □ A check including the amount of \$950.00 is attached.
 □ Charge \$0 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 202962001301.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 202962001301. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 19, 1998

By:

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